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incorporate a core group of academic subjects taught, again, by state colleges, community colleges, and the university with a skills academy that would be tuition based. It provides that LEIF funds will continue until the curriculum and courses have been approved by the Nebraska State Standards Advisory Council. The termination of the funds in LB 994, when this Legislature passed the bill in 2000, was that the understanding that the curriculum would be in place. LB 1162 would amend, again, Nebraska Statute 81-1413 to read this section terminates January 1, 2007, except that no training school as defined in this section has begun to offer training and a precertification course approved by the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council by such date. The section shall not terminate until such a course is approved and offered by a training school. Senator Brashear will offer a Judiciary Committee amendment that contains provisions not only from this bill but LB 1213 and LB 1101, which were both heard in the Judiciary Committee, and I do support the committee amendment. With that, Mr. President, I will close and give my time back to you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay, thank you. You've heard the opening on LB 1162. As stated by the Clerk, there are committee amendments. As Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on those amendments.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, the committee amendment to LB 1162 would replace the green copy of the bill. It retains the January 1, 2007, sunset date on the collection of the Law Enforcement Improvement Fund fee, or LEIF fee. The amendment also provides that the Law Enforcement Training Center may continue to subsidize the tuition costs of trainees until January 1, 2007. Existing law prohibits the training center from paying tuition costs of trainees after July 1, 2005. The purpose of this change is to allow the training center to continue to pay for the tuition costs of the trainees rather than placing this burden on the sponsoring law enforcement agencies while those law enforcement precertification curriculum products are being prepared by the law enforcement agen...or higher education agencies. Finally, the committee amendment contains the following legislative bills as amended and advanced by your Judiciary Committee. First,